



## SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 in the Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.**

**Attendance:** Councillors: B. Mear (Chairman), K. Bashford, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, M. Thornton, Mrs. J. Turner and J. Wales.

- 31/05 **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. J. Burns (illness), Mrs. M. Sherriff (attendance at Sussex Police Authority Meeting, D. Yates (illness).
- 32/05 **Policing Matters.** The Chairman welcomed, Elaine Tullitt and Tomas Gilmartin, Community Police Support Officers for Sompting. The CPSOs informed the meeting of initiatives presently being undertaken and the positive response they have received from members of the public during foot patrols in the area. Following a question and answer session discussion took place on working with young people to introduce projects they would like to see in the area. The Chairman thanked the CPSO Tullitt and Gilmartin for attending the meeting. Members look forward to working closely with them in the future.
- 33/05 **Victim Support Sussex.** As CPSO Tullitt and Gilmartin were present it was agreed bring forward this agenda item. CPSO Tullitt and Gilmartin outlined the work of the charity and the help and support given to people who experience crime. Members agreed to donate £100 at the present time but would, on receipt of the charity's annual report and accounts, consider a further donation in the next financial year.
- 34/05 **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment: Minute 25/05 Report of Planning Sub-Committee. *Cllr Yates returned to the meeting after the vote was taken on this application.*
- 35/05 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 36/05 **Items not on the Agenda.** There were no items.
- 37/05 **Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station. Future Use and Restoration of the Site.** The Mott MacDonald report on Stage 1 of the consultation process had just been received and will be emailed to Members.
- 38/05 **The Doug Sherriff Shield For Outstanding Contribution.** The Clerk updated Members on the nominations so far received. The closing date for nominations is 31st March 2005. These will be circulated to all Members prior to the April meeting. Further publicity will be given through Splash FM and the Parish Pump.

39/05 **Sompting in Bloom.** It was agreed that:

- For the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June, Members would select five gardens from each of the four wards.
- The twenty nominated households would receive a certificate stating that their garden had been selected for further judging during the summer months.
- Final judging would take place in August.
- Photographs of the selected gardens would be taken throughout the period.

40/05 **Report of the Planning Sub-Committee.**

S12/05 Alteration & Extensions of Existing Toilet Block Including New Pitched Roof to provide improved facilities – Sompting Abbots School.

S13/05 Demolition of Existing Small Toilet Building – Sompting Abbots School

Council has **NO OBJECTION** to the above applications providing proposed materials used, match existing materials; the existing toilet block is not listed.

S14/05 Front Porch – 15 Mountview Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

41/05 **Report of the Clerk.**

a. **Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information.

b. **Accounts.** Council noted the account balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 was £33,964.01 including receipt of bank interest of £52.69. The following accounts were submitted for payment:

K. Rhodes

Clerk's pay and allowances to 28.02.05 (tax amendment) £450.88

Reimbursement of postage (Chq. 609) £ 9.88

Adur DC Annual bus shelter and notice board agreement

(inc VAT £262.26) (Chq.606) £1760.86

Adur DC –copying Jan & Feb 2005 (inc.VAT 6.72)(Chq.607) £ 45.14

Sompting Community Assoc. Venue hire for 2005 (Chq.608) £ 165.00

c. **Highways and Footpaths.**

- Footpath Silverdale Drive/Cokeham Lane. Clerk reported on meeting with the contractor and it was agreed that surplus large stones should be back raked and removed.
- Dankton Gardens and Rectory Farm Road. Clerk to enquire about white lines recently painted at this junction.

d. **Notice Boards and Bus Shelters.** Clerk to arrange for removal of two posters at the back of notice board at Cokeham Road bus shelter.

e. **Trees/Green Areas.** Clerk to:

- Report Damaged trees on Cokeham Road
- Report weeds on paved bank area at Cokeham Road junction

- Suggest planting damaged grass area by village sign with summer bedding in Parish Council logo.

f. **Insurance.** Clerk reported that further quotation had been sought.

g. **Correspondence requiring a response.**

WSCC Highways & Transport-Road Safety in West Sussex.

Clerk to contact the WSCC Road Safety Community Liaison Officer with regard to:

- Council's proposal for a pedestrian crossing near the junction of Bowness Avenue and Western Road;
- Worthing Borough Council's application for the construction of a highway to provide a link between north of Dale Road and Western Road at the junction of Southern Water's West Worthing Treatment Plant.

Action in rural Sussex Community Involvement Programme. Clerk to request information pack.

WSCC Highways & Transport Street Lighting Survey. Completed.

Other correspondence was noted.

42/05 **Reports of District and County Councillors.** Cllr Bashford reported that O<sub>2</sub> has identified an area between Steepdown Road and Halewick Lane for a proposed telephone mast.

Details of the Clean Neighbourhoods Bill is awaited with regard to any enforcement action that can be taken with regard to cars being advertised for sale on public roads.

43/05 **Reports of Representatives to Other Bodies.** There were no reports.

44/05 **Other Matters.** There were no further matters.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.